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## THE CHICKASAW COUNTY AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL.

The session of 1914-15 at the Chickasaw County Agricultural High School has just closed and the faculty for the next session has been organized.

Prof. L. D. Weldon and H. F. Sanderson will head the school as associate principal. Miss Fannie Flora, the very efficient domestic science teacher has been elected to fill her same position for another year. All the teachers in the Agricultural School have been re-elected and with a few minor changes the organization of the faculty is the same as last session.

It is the intention of the present management to make such changes as experience has taught to be necessary for the general welfare of the school.

The institution belongs to Chickasaw county. It is intended to develop the industrial idea in our educational system.

However, there is one other idea that is worth considering. The Agricultural High School is the country people's high school. We may talk public school consolidation and other suggested improvements, but the fact remains that we of North Mississippi, especially, have the negro problem in our educational work. We have large areas of country where only a few white people live, and of course, in such sections the schools are necessarily small and elementary and will remain so. We have a few communities where the population is almost exclusively white and among these the consolidation of rural schools is more practical.

However, it is the plan of the Agricultural High School to take up the students who have completed the 7th grade and teach them the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grades. This equips any student with a practical education for life's work and at the same time gives strong preparation to those who may wish to continue their education in any college.

Of our 1913-14 class that graduated, two have been doing Sophomore work at the A. & M. College, one has made good as a freshman at the University and two of our girls

have made excellent progress at the I. I. & C.—one of the girls being able to take mathematics with the juniors at the I. I. & C. Two of the class have been teaching in the public schools.

There are some things to the credit of the Chickasaw County Agricultural High School which are worth while. The school is seven years old. Two years ago, the school had graduated one student only, was \$2852.57 in debt. There was no furniture in the Girl's Dormitory—it was an empty house. The Boy's Dormitory was in bad shape.

In the last two years we have graduated 20 students and our school has a good standing with the colleges of the state. We have paid all debts and have enough ahead to keep in the clear for the remainder of the year. We have struggled hard to get a business management that would care for the school's financial interest and care for the money allowed us in a way to give the best results to the school and to show the tax-payers that we were trying to protect them and the students who come to the school.

Some needed reforms have been brought about and others will be adopted, which in the future will give even better results than we have had.

Board even at war time prices has been cheap, but we expect to inaugurate a system for the next session which we are sure will materially benefit those who board and attend the Chickasaw County Agricultural High School. We now feel that the school is no longer an experiment; it is a live factor for good in the county. The Boys Dormitory has been ceiled anew, the Girls has been furnished and some building improvement has been done. We have added a deep well 665 feet deep to the school property at the Girls Dormitory and we now feel that with good management the school has a future that will make it a factor for usefulness in Chickasaw county.

H. F. Sanderson.

## THE PAGEANT OF COLUMBUS.

Within Masque of the I. I. & C.

Will be shown in Motion Picture at the

OPEN-AIR THEATRE

SATURDAY NIGHT, JUNE 5TH.

Several of the Houston Girls in this play.

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The Spnix—A War Drama.

The Prospectors Warning—A Western.

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WORK

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## Community Conference at Mount Olive Church.

Hummer:—As you asked me "If there is anything good at the Community Conference bring it to us." I must confess that it is impossible to mention all the good things said and done, beside the good impressions about Community Union, Co-operation and Development.

I requested the essays to be sent to you. The following were handed to me to be turned over to you.

The day was ideal for such a meeting. From 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. the sun was over shadowed by clouds, making it very pleasant indeed. It was soon seen that the crowd was too large for the house. The benches were moved out under the trees, and these, with chairs, wagon seats, and logs pretty well seated the congregation. Profound interest was awakened by the first essay, read by Miss Gertrude McCamey on "The best Elements for Constructive Community Life."

The closest attention was given to the essays and speeches to the close, when Prof. G. D. Riley made a splendid practical talk on, "The Community School as a center from which should radiate every Community Interest."

The singing, lead by Prof. Hugh Montgomery, was well chosen for the occasion, and happily rendered.

The entertainment and behavior were a model of perfection. Not a JAR marred either of long sessions of two hours in the forenoon, and two hours in the afternoon, and, the dinner, one of the best, was served on a table, built for the occasion about one hundred feet long.

The congregation could hardly be dismissed for words of Thanks and Commendation by the Citizens of the Community.

I am ready for another.

E. E. THORNTON.

## How to Vitalize Community Life Through the Young People.

People both in country and city are realizing now that much of the world's material, intellectual, and spiritual progress depends upon the quality of the rural population.

It is the people in the country who have time for deep, undisturbed thinking, for growing into ideas instead of having them crammed into their brains, and for knowing God through the beauties of his handiwork spread abroad in field and woods. It is from the hosts of young men and young women who have grown up in intimate association with the sky, the stars, the trees, the flowers and the bees that the City each year draws her recruits for places of honor and responsibility.

Yet there is a manifest discontent on the part of many, who find life in the country dull and monotonous and look forward to leaving their homes to seek excitement in a more wide-awake place. Many do leave; others settle down in resignation to what seems a necessarily narrow and uneventful life. Naturally enough, the discontented ones are largely the young people, the people who are the present source of pride and pleasure to the older ones and the future dependence of the various interests of the community.

The welfare of any community depends in a very great degree upon its young people, not merely upon their passive goodness and power to refrain from doing wrong but also upon their wholesome enjoyment of life and their harmony with each other. The young people, then, must themselves, become the care for their own discontent. If the life of any community is to be vitalized it to benefit chiefly the young, and can succeed only so far as they co-operate with each other and the schools, churches and other organizations. All normal young people have an abundance of energy, a craving for excitement, and a desire for companionship.

The surplus energy of the boy and girl must go out in activity of some kind and its expenditure must tell for good or bad on both the life of the individual and tone of the neighborhood. The young persons craving must be gratified in some way—to his honor or shame, likewise the desire for companionship should be gratified.

The chief thing need is a LEADER, a leader who can enter into the plans of the young people with sympathy and understanding. Such a leader is usually to be found in every community if the effort is made to do so, and if the people are willing to give their co-operation to keep out any weakness of the leader.

The church offers the first means for bringing people together. In addition to monthly church service and the Sunday School a young people's society might be formed taking in all denominations. This society would have for its purpose social service. It could be made the means of a weekly or fortnightly meeting of the young people for some definite purpose, say one meeting for Bible study, another for beautifying the church grounds, one for giving

## THE UNVEILING AT PLEASANT RIDGE.

Last Sunday as previously announced Houston Grove, No. 139, W. C. unveiled a monument, in Pleasant Ridge cemetery, erected by the Woodmen Circle to the memory of one of their members, Mrs. Alice E. Nichols. The monument is a lovely specimen of art in marble; gleaming white and enduring, it stands a tribute of love and respect for this member who has passed from out their fraternal circle into the encircling realms of heaven. The grave had been thickly covered over with beautiful flowers placed there by the gentle hands of those who loved her. A beautiful marble was set upon a base of the same white stone and filled with lovely flowers, made the most beautiful footmark we ever saw. The unveiling ceremony has been according to the prescribed form of the Woodmen Circle ritual. Miss Janet Dendy feelingly recited the order poem; and the oration, as delivered by Hon. Jeff Busby, was all eloquence, heart feeling and comprehensive appropriateness.

Counting the members of this order and the spectators who went

from Houston there were between thirty and fifty from said place in attendance of this service. Many from Woodland helped swell the audience and several from below Atlanta and near Bently were there. The people of the surrounding neighborhoods rallied to the exigency of the occasion in a most appreciative and hospitable spirit and furnished for that immense crowd such a bountiful and delicious dinner as only a prosperous and liberal country community is able to supply. The "good things" so nearly ran the whole catalog that it would be impossible to list the full menu. Suffice to say: it was truly a banquet spread and everybody helped himself with a freedom that bespoke a full comprehension and enjoyment of the open-handed welcome so freely extended by the men and women of Pleasant Ridge vicinity—but be it understood, that, on such an occasion as this Pleasant Ridge territory is not of narrow limits for we noted many from Bethel and Rhodes Chapel communities among those who played most gracious hostess to the appreciative feasters.

relief to the very poor and sick or those otherwise in distress.

Working together is the very best way of making fast friends of people, and at the same time working for the good of your community. So by this means the double gain of developing the best traits of character in the young and of uplifting the general tone of the community may be accomplished.

The school also should serve as a social center working especially among the boys and girls who attend it and through them reaching the older ones. The social service organization might go hand in hand with the school by taking teachers in as members and by helping to keep the school buildings and grounds comfortable, sanitary, and attractive.

The school grounds should be kept during the summer months as a play ground, while games, such as, tennis, baseball and croquet could be engaged in for the pleasure of the boys and girls as well as for the good of their bodies.

The drawbacks that once beset the country life are rapidly passing away since the advance of telephone, free delivery, automobile and scientific farming. Conditions are beginning to approach the ideal. It only remains for the young people to adjust themselves to their surroundings and by working together in harmony show themselves worthy of the riches intrusted to them.

MATTIE HILL.

There was three articles read by young ladies at the Community Conference held at Mount Olive church last Sunday, and we will publish one each week until we have published all of them.

## To the Voters of Supervisor's District Number One:

If I am elected as a member of the Board of Supervisors, I shall favor the employing of a civil engineer to lay out and supervise the construction of the roads of the county. Each member of the Board receives about \$250.00 per year for the supervision and inspection of the roads in his district. If I am elected I shall favor having an engineer to do this work, and also lay out, survey and line up the roads, and make estimates of the amount of dirt work to be constructed, or moved, and shall favor giving him the amount each Supervisor receives in his beat, for supervising the roads in such beat, or as much thereof, as may be necessary to get a competent man, and have the roads built by the yard, thus giving the county the benefit of an expert engineer, and not costing the county anything extra in the way of salary. I think the contract can be let in small amounts, by the yard to construct the roads, and thus give the people who pay the tax an opportunity to build the roads near them, and have the work going on

all over the county at one time, under the supervision of a competent engineer, and by this means have the roads built in the spring and summer, and give them time to settle and pack before the winter rains, and the county pay for just what it gets, by the yard. We could also use the engineer to lay out the work in cutting down the hills, building pikes and bridges, and have the convicts to do a greater part of this work, and in my judgment make the convicts at least pay the expenses of working them and the county would get the benefit of having the worst hills of the county graded down, and would not be at the expense of having the convicts moved from one place to the other, but on the other hand they would be working all the time on work that would be permanent in its character. I shall do the best I know how to attend to the other duties of the office, and shall always do what I think to be the best for the general interest of the county.

J. E. NEAL.

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D. L. Andrews.